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For: HOLLOW FIBER FILTER FOR EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD
CIRCUIT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c), the undersigned attorney submits photographs of the prior art blood filters listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a. The blood filters shown in the attached photographs were physically shown to the Examiner during a face-to-face interview with the Examiner on June 27, 2006, with the exception of the Blood Filter With Cap And O-Ring Seal To Filter shown on page 11 of the attached photographs.

Please charge the fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and any other applicable fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1140.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached forms and to return a copy as an indication that the attached documents have been considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent pages, etc.)

	Blood Filter Having O-Ring Face Seal (Medica NF-00-032)(Photos Attached)(Prior Art)
	Blood Filter Having Cap To Case Side Seal (0.05 Micron 106161-091) (Photos Attached)(Prior Art)
	Blood Filter Having Cap To Case Side Seal (Gambro Fh 22 H Fiber Hemofilter) (Photos Attached)(Prior Art)
	Blood Filter Having Cap Face Seal With Tooth (Photos Attached)(Prior Art)
	Blood Filter With Cap And O-Ring Seal To Filter (Photos Attached)(Prior Art)

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